# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and National Institute of Technology (NIT) students to share the expertise of world famous scientists and academicians in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has shortlisted foreign experts who are to be invited;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to involve more and more foreign experts for the success of this scheme?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (b) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has initiated the programme on Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) to bring in foreign academicians to teach Courses in Government Institutions. Each teaching module is a one week (12 to 14 hours) or two week (24 to 28 hours) course which is taught by a faculty from abroad in an Indian academic Institution, sometimes jointly with the Indian host faculty. Students and Faculty members of Indian institutions as well as members of industry, research institutions can participate and attend these courses.

(c) to (d) Till now 352 Courses with foreign experts from about 38 countries are either approved or under approval and others are in the process of review.

(e) A larger number of academic Institutions are being included for participation. Connections are being established with Foreign Embassies and their education wings in India and Abroad.
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